

How to Use our Website

We have assembled adopted and proposed codes, historical information, schedules, adoption process information, rosters and educational documents on our website to serve and benefit the public. This document will help you learn how to access the features. It is best viewed in the Page Width mode.

First, become familiar with the layout and features on our home page shown below. There are links to various documents, tabs with menus, and Featured Links providing access to commonly used documents.

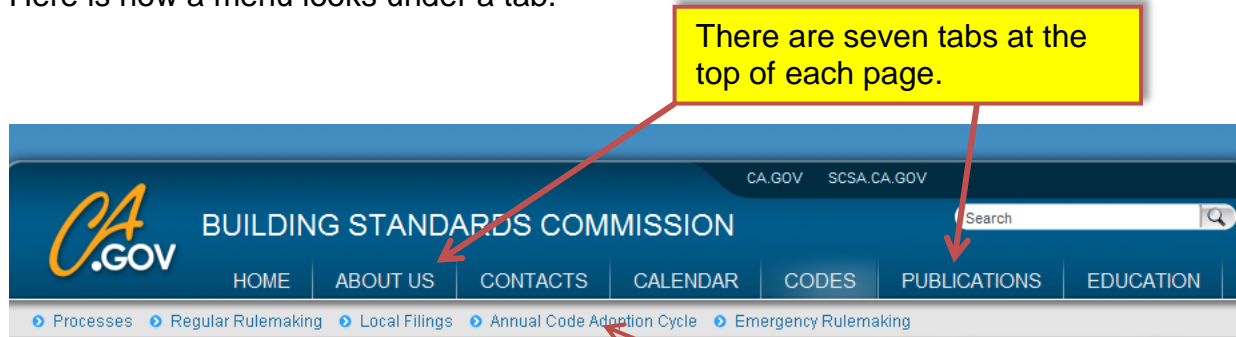
The screenshot shows the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar shows <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/>. The website has a blue header with the CA.GOV logo and the text "BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION". Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs: HOME, ABOUT US, CONTACTS, CALENDAR, CODES, PUBLICATIONS, and EDUCATION. A yellow callout box with a red arrow pointing to the tabs says: "Move your cursor over these tabs and the hidden menus will appear." On the left side, there are three profile boxes for the Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., SCSA Secretary Anna Caballero, and BSC Executive Director Jim McGowan. Below these is a "FEATURED LINKS" section with a list of links: CALGreen, Bulletins, Notices, SB1473, Feedback, Related Sites, Database, and Archives. A yellow callout box with a red arrow pointing to this list says: "These FEATURED LINKS appear on each of our webpages. They access commonly used documents and information." The main content area has a "KNOW THE CODE!" banner and a welcome message. It lists various construction codes with links to their respective agency websites: Residential construction (www.hcd.ca.gov), Schools Construction (www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa), Access Compliance (www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/Programs/progAccess), Hospitals and clinic construction (http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/), and Fire and Panic Safety (http://www.osfrn.fire.ca.gov/). A yellow callout box with a red arrow pointing to these links says: "These blue links will take you to the identified agency or entity." At the bottom, there is a section titled "Need to purchase copies of the code?" and a note about webcasts.

Move your cursor over these tabs and the hidden menus will appear.

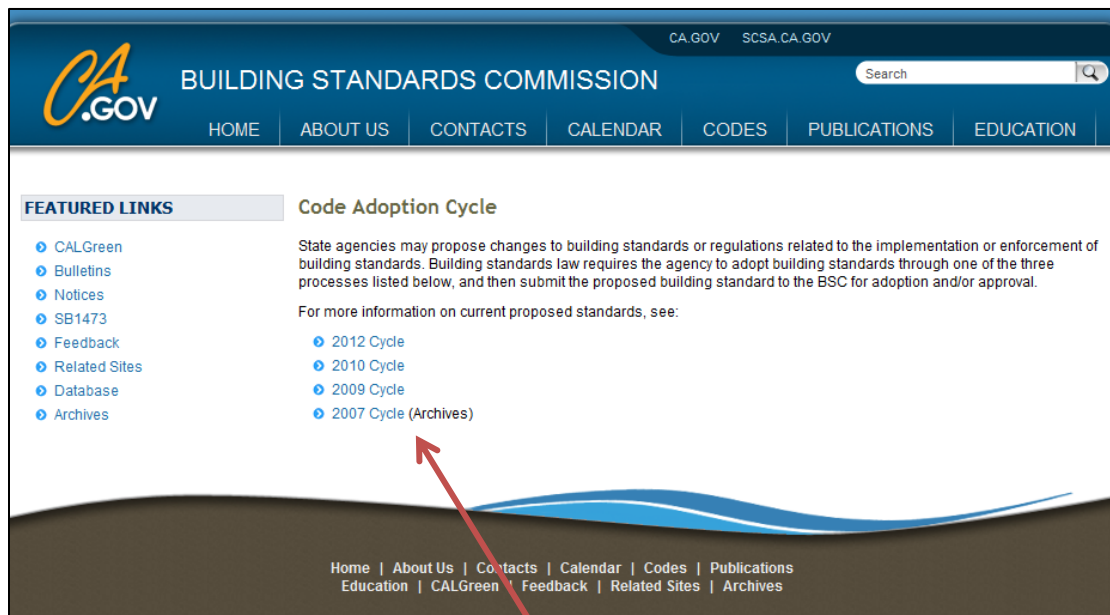
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Here is how a menu looks under a tab.

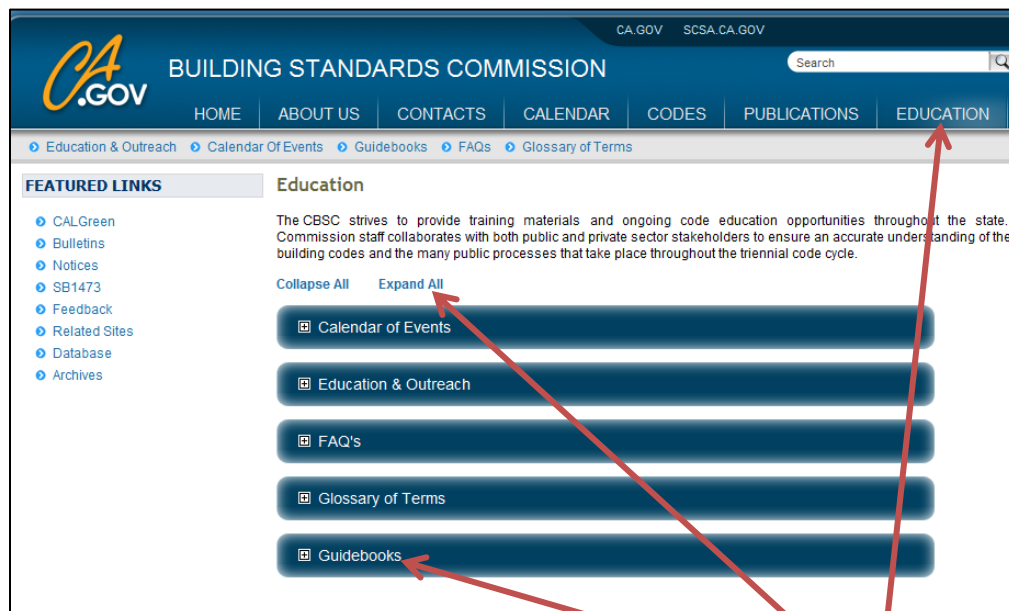


With the cursor moved over the "CODES" tab for example, this menu is revealed. Move the cursor to one of the links and click to reveal the feature. Shown below is the result of clicking on the "Annual Code Adoption Cycle".

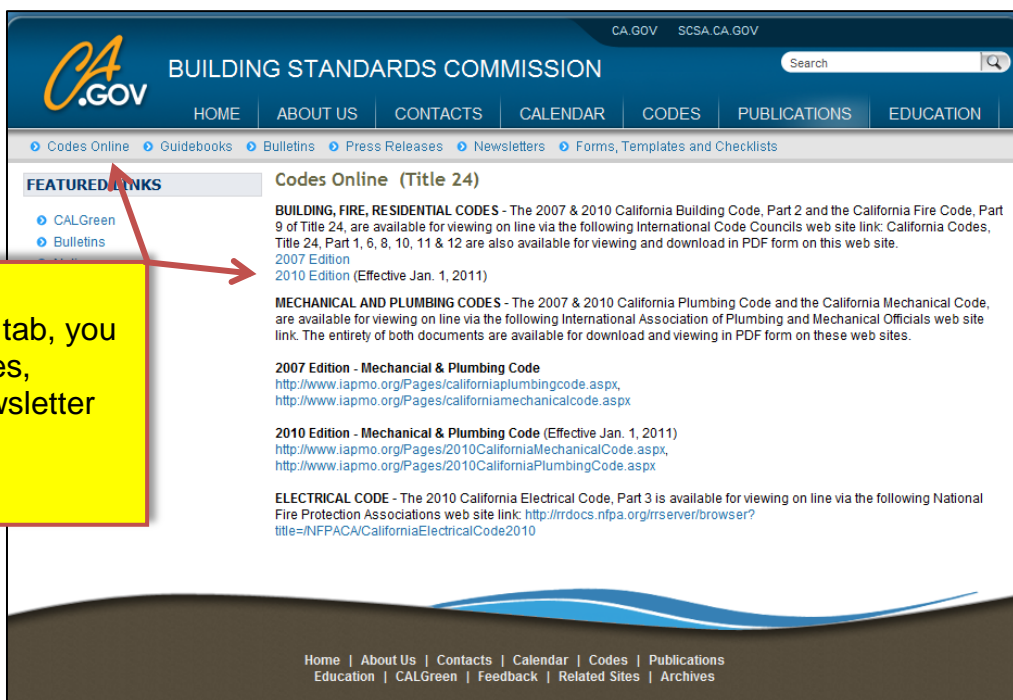


After clicking on Annual Code Adoption Cycle, you may select the current or a past cycle and access the rulemaking documents.

Some pages have expandable menus as shown here.



By clicking on the "EDUCATION" tab, this page appears. Here you may expand all the menus or select just one to be expanded.



Under the PUBLICATIONS tab, you may access codes, bulletins, our newsletter and other CBSC documents.

We have plans to add additional materials to our web pages, so some pages may appear incomplete at this time. Some documents are available through more than one menu. Take time to become familiar with the materials on our website that are of interest to you.

If you need additional help, please call our office at (916) 263-0916. We are available to help. And, we would like to get your suggestions on how our website may be improved. Use our “Feedback” feature available under the “CONTACTS” tab.

